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Documentary filmmakers John Haskell and Mark Hooten, center, mike up Macon television personality Del Ward on Wednesday at the 1842 Inn, where longtime Maconites were interviewed about their recollections of the Pig'n Whistle. The drive-in barbecue restaurant on U.S. 41 closed in 1978, but there are still plenty of old-timers with memories of the place and particularly some of the notables who worked there, such as Little Richard and Otis Redding.

Pig'n Whistle will be reborn in documentary

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Many folks across Middle Georgia remember the Pig'n Whistle as a spot for great barbecue and a popular place to hang out. But the Macon restaurant had its own connections to music history.

Longtime residents have shared memories of "the Pig" for a documentary about the drive-in restaurant, which opened in Macon in 1928 and closed in 1978 just before Christmas.

Among those who once worked the curb there were "Little Richard" Penniman, the self-proclaimed "architect of rock 'n' roll," and soul legend Otis Redding. It was a place that Capricorn Records executives and members of the Allman Brothers Band frequented. Also, playwright Tennessee Williams wrote a part of "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" there.

PigNWhistle.net

The Pig'n' Whistle as it looked in 1970, more than four decades after it opened as "Macon's Newest Novelty."

Mark Hooten, whose father was a former owner of the restaurant, says the Pig made its mark on blues and rock 'n' roll.

Hooten is helping put together the documentary, which will include interviews with Mayor Robert Reichert, Bibb County Sheriff David Davis and others. The documentary will also venture outside of Macon in order to tell the restaurant's story.

"The Pig'n Whistle is the first landmark associated with the creation of rock 'n' roll," Hooten said.

"The first thing, you had Little Richard there in late '40s and '50s, (then) you had Otis Redding there. Those guys were instrumental in what became rock 'n' roll, soul music and what became R&B," Hooten said. "They were already there practicing on the curb ... practicing their vocals."

Little Richard's cousin, Stanley Stewart, who is helping produce the documentary, said the number of people with ties

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FLORIDA SCHOOL SHOOTING

Suspect gave off warning signs of a dangerous mind

BY KELLI KENNEDY
Associated Press

PARKLAND, FLA.

Months before authorities say Nikolas Cruz walked into his former high school and slaughtered 17 people, the troubled teen began showing what may have been missed warning signs he was bent on violence.

"Im going to be a professional school shooter," a YouTube user with the screen name "Nikolas Cruz" posted in September.

The 19-year-old had gotten expelled from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. A former Junior ROTC cadet, he bought a military-style AR-15 carbine. And he began to participate in paramilitary drills with a white nationalist organization, according to its leader, Jordan Jereb.

Jereb, leader of Republic of Florida, told The Associated Press on Thursday that his group seeks to create a white state. He said he didn't know Cruz personally but was told the young man had "trouble with a girl," and he suggested the timing of the Valentine's Day attack wasn't a coincidence.

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